

From: Smith, Paula
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: August 10 Gold King response update
Start Date/Time: Tue 8/11/2015 7:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 8/11/2015 7:30:00 PM

From: Gray, David
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:32 PM
To: Mylott, Richard; Zito, Kelly
Cc: Edlund, Carl; Manzanilla, Enrique; Hestmark, Martin; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; Card, Joan; Keener, Bill; Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca
Subject: RE: August 10 Gold King response update

I am okay with it

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:29 PM
To: Gray, David; Zito, Kelly
Cc: Edlund, Carl; Manzanilla, Enrique; Hestmark, Martin; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; Card, Joan; Keener, Bill; Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca
Subject: RE: August 10 Gold King response update

Changes made. Sending to congs at 7:30 mst followed by press and website at 8 pm.

From: Gray, David
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:24 PM
To: Mylott, Richard; Zito, Kelly
Cc: Edlund, Carl; Manzanilla, Enrique; Hestmark, Martin; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; Card, Joan; Keener, Bill; Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca
Subject: RE: August 10 Gold King response update

My edits - we didn't know to talk about office resources

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:13 PM
To: Zito, Kelly
Cc: Gray, David; Edlund, Carl; Manzanilla, Enrique; Hestmark, Martin; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; Card, Joan; Keener, Bill; Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca
Subject: RE: August 10 Gold King response update

All- a ready to go final draft attached. Will send by 7:30 pm MST.

Lots of detail on resources in here but I included most of it to provide a sense of the intensity of the response. We can revisit whether these daily update require will continue this much info?

From: Zito, Kelly
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 6:54 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Cc: Gray, David; Edlund, Carl; Manzanilla, Enrique; Hestmark, Martin; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; Card, Joan; Keener, Bill
Subject: Re: August 10 Gold King response update

Hi Rich - Not sure I saw R9 info either. Here's the latest - though you could probably boil it down a bit to consolidate info...

Thanks-

Kelly

EPA Region 9 Activities - Gold King Mine Response (8/10)

* By mid-week, Region 9 will have a total of 15 staff and contractors on the ground in Durango, Farmington and the Navajo Nation assisting in emergency response, water sampling, community outreach and on-scene coordination.

* On Saturday (Aug. 8) the President of the Navajo Nation declared a State of Emergency for the San Juan River valley. On Sunday, President Begaye and his staff toured the Gold King Mine Site. R9 public information officer Rusty Harris-Bishop escorted the President on the tour. The President and his staff then attended the community meeting in Durango.

* The discharge has moved quickly and was observed near Kirtland, NM. Navajo officials have reacted quickly, assessing their well fields and drinking and irrigation water intake systems and issuing a precautionary "do not use" public service announcement regarding water from potentially impacted sources.

* Region 9 held a conference call Sunday with Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) and Navajo Department of Public Safety.

* Region 9 has deployed an On Scene Coordinator (OSC) to the Durango Incident Command Post to coordinate Navajo field activity updates and results with Region 8 and ensure command messages get back to Navajo officials.

* The Region has also deployed a Public Information Officer (PIO) to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango, with and other the affected Federal, State, County and Tribal agencies.

* The Navajo EPA surface water monitoring program (Shiprock Office) collected water and sediment samples from the San Juan River - prior to the spill impact. Region 9 has provided 6 START contractors to coordinate and conduct increased sample collection and lab analysis in conjunction with NNEPA. This joint EPA/NNEPA river sampling program has commenced focusing on the San Juan

between Shiprock/Hogback, NM area and Mexican Hat, UT and will continue for the foreseeable future.

* A Region 9 OSC reported to Farmington on Monday to assist. NNEPA also requested drinking water sampling support immediately for Navajo operated water intakes. NNEPA and USEPA drinking water experts agreed to inventory and assess water sources including private wells and intakes.

Region 9 will be providing assistance to Navajo NTUA (utilities) to deliver water to the areas impacted by the Gold King Mine Spill - starting with the Montezuma Creek area. NTUA is sourcing the water from their Sweetwater wells and filling up the service tanks in the affected areas. The ERRS contractor will be providing assistance in the transportation of these waters.

* Two Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) arrived in Farmington Sunday. The CICs will partner with NNEPA and NN Department of Public Safety to ensure comprehensive outreach to all affected Navajo Chapters. The CICs have begun working with local Navajo Chapter officials and will participate in public meetings at Aneth and Oljato on 8/10.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 5:47 PM, "Mylott, Richard" <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

Thx. I'll put this in, had not received.

From: Gray, David
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 6:43 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Cc: Edlund, Carl; Manzanilla, Enrique; Hestmark, Martin; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; Zito, Kelly; Card, Joan
Subject: Re: August 10 Gold King response update

Here is our portion of the report

In New Mexico, EPA has a team of two federal on-scene coordinators, two water quality experts and ten technicians and contractors responding to the spill as it reaches communities

in the state. Additional personnel are arriving in Farmington and will total 26 employees and contractors by the end of the day. Staffing is expected to continue to grow to support outreach and door-to-door canvassing. EPA mobile command center has arrived in Farmington and will be fully operational later today. EPA is also co-locating personnel with NMED in Santa Fe to enhance planning and communication between the agencies.

EPA is continuing collecting water quality samples from nine locations in the river near intakes for Aztec, Farmington, Lower Valley Water Users Association, Morning Star Water Supply System and the North Star Water User Association. Each of these locations will continue to be monitored as the spill makes its way past these areas. EPA has two dedicated water quality experts available in New Mexico to assist the five drinking water systems.

Working with San Juan County, NM officials, EPA is providing alternative water supply for livestock in New Mexico.

EPA and New Mexico Environment Department are providing free water quality testing for domestic drinking water wells along the river. Teams of qualified technicians are going door-to-door to collect samples for laboratory analysis.

At 7 pm on Sunday, August 9, the New Mexico Environment Secretary notified EPA that Alexa Sandoval from NM Department of Game and Fish needed help responding to reports of wildlife covered with yellow sludge. EPA immediately connected NM Fish & Game with Barry Forsythe, US Fish & Wildlife Service. NM Fish & Game is sending up one biologist and two game wardens to assess the situation today and will follow up with USFWS. The USFWS has requested EPA contract with a wildlife rehabilitator to assist with cleaning any animals. USFWS will provide capture and oversight of the operations for the state.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 7:10 PM, Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

All- please review this August 10 Gold King Response update intended for congs, website, press list. We may get additional comments from locals reviewing this, but wanted to share for your review and comments now. Feedback by 6:40 pm would be much appreciated.

Thanks in advance,

Rich Mylott

303-312-6654

<DraftAugust10GoldKingUpdate5pm.docx>